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SUBJECT: ITU: MEXICAN PROPOSALS TO BROADCASTING-SATELLITE
CONFERENCE.

1. EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN FOLLOWING MATTER
RELATING TO BROADCASTING-SATELLITE CONFERENCE (CONFERENCIA
DE RADIODIFUSION POR SATELITE) TO BE CONVENED BY
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (UNION INTERNACIONAL
DE TELECOMUNICACIONES) ON 10 JANUARY 1977, AT GENEVA.
MAJOR ISSUE AT CONFERENCE IS WHETHER ITU REGION 2
(WESTERN HEMISPHERE) WILL, AS U.S. AND A NUMBER OF OTHER
REGION 2 COUNTRIES DESIRE, ADOPT AN EVOLUTIONARY APPROACH
FOR USE OF 12 GHZ FREQUENCY BAND OR WHETHER A PRIORI
PLANNING APPROACH, UNDER WHICH ORBITAL POSITIONS AND
FREQUENCIES WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND
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WHICH IS INSISTED UPON BY EUROPEANS, WILL BE APPLIED
WORLDWIDE.

2. DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
POLICY HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED, UNDER LETTER OF 6 DECEMBER,

COPY OF MEXICAN PROPOSALS TO CONFERENCE. MEXICO PROPOSES WORLDWIDE A PRIORI PLAN, I.E. OPPOSITE OF PLANNING APPROACH FAVORED BY U.S. MEXICO IS THUS FIRST KNOWN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY OF REGION 2 TO COME OUT FLATLY FOR A PRIORI PLAN (A FEW HAVE STATED THEY WILL SUPPORT EVOLUTIONARY PLANNING; MOST HAVE NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES).

3. LETTER IS SIGNED BY ING. CLEMENTE PEREZ CORREA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, WHO IS ASSUMED TO HAVE REPLACED CARLOS NUNEZ ARELLANO WITH ADVENT OF NEW ADMINISTRATION.

4. IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT DECISION IN FAVOR OF A PRIORI PLAN TAKEN SINCE 1 DECEMBER. JOB OF DEVELOPING POSITION AND DRAFTING PROPOSALS FAR TOO COMPLEX TO HAVE BEEN DONE IN SIX DAYS. MOREOVER, MEXICAN UNWILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH U.S. AND CANADA LAST AUGUST OR WITH U.S. LAST OCTOBER MAY WELL BE EXPLAINED BY PREFERENCE FOR A PRIORI OPTION.

5. IN PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON POINTS LISTED BELOW. EMBASSY MAY WISH OPEN SUBJECT BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR FORWARDING OF MEXICAN PROPOSALS.

A. HOW STRONG IS MEXICAN PREFERENCE FOR A PRIORI PLAN AND HOW MUCH LATITUDE WILL MEXICAN DELEGATION AT GENEVA HAVE IN REVISING A PRIORI STANCE?

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B. WHAT IS COMPOSITION OF MEXICAN DELEGATION TO CONFERENCE? WHAT IS KNOWN OF DELEGATES, IN PARTICULAR REGARDING THEIR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE IN BROADCASTING-SATELLITE FIELD?

C. IS EFFECT OF NEW ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO REPLACEMENT OF NUNEZ BY PEREZ? WILL LONG-TIME TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICIALS SUCH AS CARLOS ROSADO RODRIGUEZ AND JOSE HERNANDEZ REMAIN?
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